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1. KOREAGATE: ALL SEOUL DAILIES GIVE FRONTPAGE TREATMENT TO
CHR. SCI. MONITOR STORY THAT CONGRESS IS NEGOTIATING SECRETLY
WITH ROKG ON OBTAINING TESTIMONY FROM FORMER ROK AMB. KIM DONG-JO.
TONG-A ILBO'S D.C. CORRESPONDENT, IN FEATURED DISPATCH, INSISTS
THAT DOS HAS BEGUN QUIETLY URGING ROKG TO ACCEDE TO OR
COMPROMISE WITH CONGRESSIONAL DEMANDS RATHER THAN JEOPARDIZE
MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. TONG-A'S GOSSIP COLUMNIST
QUOTES VICE FONMIN YOON HA-JONG: "THERE ARE NO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS;
FROM WHAT I SEE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THE
PRESS ARE INCOMPETENTS (KOR. "ONGT'ORI")"? CHUNGANG ILBO
QUOTES YOON: "THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON THE
MATTER IS QUITE CLEAR; I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM".

2. ROK-US RELATIONS: ALL PAPERS EXCERPT BALTIMORE SUN
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STORY THAT ROK MAY RESPOND TO AMERICAN PRESSURES BY
DECLARING A TRADE BOYCOTT AGAINST U.S. GOODS (PL 480
GRAIN, NUCLEAR REACTORS, ETC.).

3. ALL PAPERS REPEAT REUTERS DISPATCH THAT SOVIETS
ARE CONSTRUCTING A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE IN CUBA. NO
U.S. SOURCES OR COMMENTS ARE QUOTED.

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